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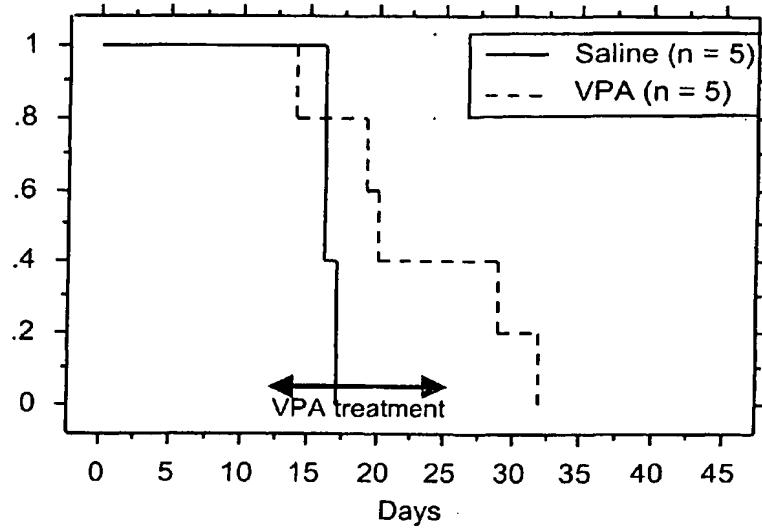
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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to the use of molecular markers and related signaling mechanisms for the preclinical and clinical profiling of inhibitors of enzymes having histone deacetylase activity. The invention also relates to the use of such markers as diagnostic and/or prognostic tools for the treatment of tumor patients with such inhibitors.

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Present claims 10-17 relate to a product and the uses of a product defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "means to determine the amount of a molecular marker". The claims cover all products having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 84 EPC and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 83 EPC for only a very limited number of such products. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 84 EPC). An attempt is made to define the product by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the methods of claims 1-9 and Kit of claims 19-20.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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